

Stealing Republican Thunder.

Bourke Cockran and other anti-expansion speakers are declaring that they are favorable to the annexation of Canada, but not of the Philippines. What would the annexation of Canada be but downright expansion? opposition to the very thing that Bryan is trying to force as his "paramount" issue. Maybe these Democrats who are trying to steal Abraham Lincoln from the Republican party, only object to "expansion" 'where water is included. Of course there is quite an expanse of water between Hawaii, our new Pacific possessions and the Philippines. We are aware that the average Democratic stomach turns against water, and the Pacific ocean is salt, and that it therefore wouldn't make a good whisky mix. As for the proposition to annex Canada, that is Republican doctrine too. Cockran stole that issue from the Wichita Eagle, which a year or two ago had entire Cannuckdom stirred up over identical proposition. However, the Democratic party has never been equal to evolving a real or living The Democratio party is never "for" anything, but always "against" everything. It is the party of negations and pulification. A Democrat never "believes"; he simply "dishelleves." It's a party which never builds up, but is always found pulling down. Heaven help that Bryan is claiming that his party now is in fact the same as the party of Lincoln, when the truth, as everybody knows, it is that all those who fought Lincoln and are not dead, will vote for Bryan. Without the solld south Bryan wouldn't know that he was running. Only day before yes. terday Bryan was charging that the Republican party of 1800 was identical with that of 1900. The Nebraska gentleman may know how to talk, and how to prophesy, but he isn't up on the history of his country.

Kansas Wheat Has Ceased to Move.

The wheat car famine seems to have suddenly ceased. At least it is reported by the railways that the volume of wheat shipments have sudden'y and unexpectedly fallen off and that they have no trouble in handling all that is thought to be due to an expected decline in price. Speculators in wheat have ceased to buy or at least are buying only in a limited way. The wheat shipments out of Kansas was very heavy in August and the first half of September. It is estimated that fully one-third of the season's crop has already been shippel.

A Mid-Campaign Estimate.

The New York Herald's mid-campaign canvass of the states gives McKinley 258 electoral votes, Bryan 168, and classes the 21 votes of Indiana, Idaho and Montana as doubtful, Absolute certainty in such a canvass is not to be expected, but the Herald has established a reputation for accuracy in such forecasts which will give its predictions weight. But the Republicans are not likely to be tempted into overconfidence by predictions made five weeks before election Thy will-have to fight for every electoral vote they get, and especially in New York they cannot afford to leave anything to chance.

But Li Is a Liar and Wholly Unreliable.

Earl Li's wisdom is conceded. In brains he is the biggest man of the Orient. But he is unreliable. As a mat he relies upon subterfuge and craft and so he is regarded with suspicion on all sides. For this or some other reason all the powers show distrust of him. Even Russia, in whose pay he is said to be, shows a manifest disinclination to rely upon him. The old man has been a bribe seeker all his life and the ruling passion is still strong. It is not wonderful that the diplomats of the various nations distrust him at a time when the interests wih which he is dealing are so enormous that bribes must come easier than ever before in his wonderful career of

The announcement that the Emperor of China had issued a decree, blaming his ministers for the recent antiforeign uprising in the empire, and providing that they shall be degraded and punished by the courts, is important, following, as it does the statement that the Russians and Americans were to withdraw from Pekin. It is probable, in fact, that the withdrawal of the troops of those two government from the Chinese capital was conditioned on such action by the emperor.

The Chinese government has now humbled itself before the allies, and the emperor is willing to make scapegoats of all his advisers for the purpose of meeting the cemands of the powers, even though he has not yet consented to turn the guilty mandarins over to the foreign ministers for

As for anything else of this vexed question and situation, the United States will not have anything to do with the Chinese government unless Prince Tuan is turned down. This county recognizes that he was back of the Boxers' movement and that his retention in office is an affront to all the nations interested in restoring order in China and a menace to the negotiations about to be unfiertaken by the interested nowers. Prince Tuan is in disfavor with the Germans and the emperor will have his head, if there is any way of compelling the Chinese to give him up.

The trouble in China is largely that, with the exception of the emporer, there is nobody with whom it is safe to conduct negotiations, and it is impossible to get at the emperor personally. In passing from him through the ne gotiators everything gets spoiled before it reaches its destination. What is called political morality among statesmen seems to have no existence in China. The empress dowager evidently sides with the Boxers. If she were eafely locked up matters would be greatly simplified,

One Hundred Years in the White House.

Writing of "One Hundred Years In the White House," and recalling some of the notable entertainments given by our chief executives, Rene Bache in the Ludies' Home Journal says that "President Madison revived much of the formal ceremony which Thomas Jefferson had discarded, and under his administration great attention was given to the state banquets, no expense being spared in making them as fine as possible. President Jackson disloked ceremony, even more than did President Jefferson, and, preferring a steel fork himself, he always provided each guest with one silver fork and one of such. After dinner he smoked a long stemmed corncob pipe. He wished to throw the doors of the While House wide open to the public, but this idea he was forced to relinquish after the experience of one occasion on which he extended an ilijunged hospitality to all comers. The carpet in the east room was ruined by punch which the mob spilled in its cogerness to get at the buckets containing the beverage, the gowns of many ladies were spoiled, and the furniture was broken. At his farewell reception, President Jackson introduced a curious povelty in the shape of a gigantic cheese which was cut into pieces and distributed among the guests.

The Empty Dinner Pail of 1896.

The full dinner pail enables the working man to buy the comforts of life. It helps him to clothe his family to afford them some relaxation from the perpetual grind; to take them to places of public entertainmen; to buy books, musica instruments, pictures and other things which are not indispensable to existence, but which lighten the cares of life. The full dinner pall does not satisfy the stomach alone, says the Detroit Journal. It radiates smiles and engenders contentment. It builds homes and cements the better ties of society. It discourages crime. It exalts

What does the empty dinner pall do? Ask the soup ses of 1896. Ask the workless thousands that idled their time in the hopelessness of industrial stagnation. Ask the hundreds that were hungry because they had no money to buy bread. Was there a broadening of culture when the fires were banked? Were there cheer and happiness in time to the the homes of the people? No. The empty dinner patt is paper. My wife has also taken this view. the handmaid of despair and the inciter of violence and

A Lawyer's Utter Selfishness.

The reason that the workman gave for the support of Bryan because he had been at work for four years and wants Bryan elected because there will come idle times again seems something of a joke at the expense of Little Wille. But the reason actually advanced by a lawyer why he is for Bryan has little of fun and less of encouragement in it. The New York Press contained the interview in which this Gotham lawyer declared that "Bryan's election will bring hard times with business failures, as signments, bankruptcles and reorganizations. In these wa lawyers make most of our money. Good times are hard times for lawyers. I notice that many lawyers are for Bryan. A change in the monetary system will mean a change in all contracts and obligations, which will mean money in our pockets. Why should I not consult my self cause help is so scarce? A merchant through self-interest hopes for good times and prosperity, but a lawyer, if he cares anything about a living should vote for the good old 'Democratic times' of 1893 and 1894."

A Rich Old Codger.

The Duke of Devonshire has just entered upon his 67th year. The Duke is one of the richest living Englishmen; and he owns no fewer than 186,000 acres at the famous seats known as Chatsworth House, Hardwicke Hall, Holker Hall. Bolton Abbey, Compton Place, Oldcotes and Lismore Castle, while his London mansion at 78 Picadily is one of great magnificence internally. The first peer was a sort of one of the commissioners appointed for taking the surrenders of religious houses in the reign of Henry VIII., and it was through his mother that Chatsworth, Hardwicke and Old. cotes came into the family.

Orange Trees Two Centuries Old.

The 250 orange trees which beautify the walks in the gardens of the Tuileries and the Luxembourg, in Paris, are all very old-the youngest of them being at least two centuries and endless precautions are necessary to keep them alive, and still more to make them flower. Indeed, so costly is the process of inducing them to flower, that it is difficult to find a buyer who will offer a price at all approach. ing the expense of producing the blossoms. Consequently my return to my from that my article the administrators of the Public Parks have given up the had been mysteriously continued as foling the expense of producing the blossoms. Consequently custom of producing them for sale.

Ploughing Around the World.

A new record for the passage from the Mediterranean to Hong Kong has been made by the British cruisers Isis and Dido. The Isls reached Hong Kong in 22 days and 2 hours from Malta, and the Dido arrived not six hours later The sea speed of the Isis for the 7,500 miles was 16.3 knots an hour. Both ships were detained in the Suez canal, tak. ing 20 hours to pass through, and they were delayed twice for 24 hours while coaling at Aden and Colombo. They had to coal at Singapore besides. They are sister ships of

Where McKinley and Bryan Disagree.

itary force of the United States in guaranteeing the integrity of an independent but half-savage government in the Philippines. On the other hand, the McKinley program provides for the maintenance of American sovereignty over the Islands and the granting of local self-government to the natives as rapidly as they are fitted for it. Which program would a sensible American prefer to follow?

Fought His Fight and Lost.

A resolution was introduced in the Cape Colony Parliament, last week, declaring that the spirit of independence in the Transvaal and Orange River colonies might be kept down with bayonets for a time, but that it would rise again. Of course, the resolution was smothered. Tro spirit of liberty will long live in the bosom of the Boers, but as for independence , they have fought the fight and

Four years ago a man was very sick. Two rival phygicians each claimed he could cure him. The man chose one doctor who made him well, when the rival physician declared it was a certainty the other doctor would kill him. The man fildn't die, but got well, was never in better And now the physician who didn't get the job is still insisting that he be hired to pour his medicine down

The time will come when with its insular possessions the country will have practically free trade. The nation will be ready for it. It will be the practical sensible And on that day you will find the Democratic party howling for protective tariff.

Watch Bryan's present speeches. A great change is coming over the man's view-point in politics. There is a tone to his speeches, which indicates vexation not at the Republicans, but probably because of mismanagement of the Democratic campaign.

Bryan must be mad. He half expected the citizens of his home town, Lincoln, to hide in the houses the day Roosevelt visited them. But they got out and made the biggest demonstration of the local compaign.

Bryan seems to be weakening on th etrust question, and no wonder with his friend Croker at the head of the ce trust and his national chairman Jones at the head of the cotton trust.

Bryan can be a brick when he wants to. He told the Wisconsin people that while he loved his Lincoln residence, "I will leave my bappy home for you." -

The nearest thing to an emperor in America is Bryan's friend Dick Croker. He rules New York and New York pays tribute, not tax, to him.

Roosevelt is declaring accusations "lies" and Bryan is asserting that certain charges are unqualifiedly false. The campaign flar is in action.

Bryan is going to speak in New York and for a few days that free silver plank will be taken out of the Kansas City platform. If Germany is as much alive as she appears to be she s not going into any peace negotiations with China, right

If a majority of the voters of this country are for Bryan a month from this week the hard times will begin.

Before he gets through his trip Roosevelt will have been presented with enough harness to start a saddlery,

Hanna has nown his first weakness. He is getting to Hanna has shown his first weaness. He is getting to

like to make speeches.

Was It Haunted?

My name is James Leonardus Stoke, To this I might append certain letters indicative of academic distinctions. But —and I say it with all modesty—it may be enough to refer to my work, my studies of primitive people, and more especially my tract on the "Origin of the Aleutians." My controversy on this point with Professor Pumpernickel of Heidel-berg may be remembered; it attracted some attention in the learned world at

Some months ago I was in London for the purpose of research at the museum, During my stay I saw for the first time a typewriter, and was greatly impressed with its usefulness. My own handwrit-ing is perhaps a little illegible to those always supposed that this is the reason tions that I have made from time to I now purchased a typewriter to prevent such accidents in future. It was a sec-ond-hand machine. I have since found out that it came from the office of the Merry Jester, a weekly paper of—I am given to understand-a humorous character. It is important to notice this, in view of the extraordinary incident tha am about to relate. For the rest, the machine was in excellent condition, the paper which originally owned it having en in existence for six weeks.

With six lessons and a few months practice I found that I was practically master of the machine. I will not say that I was able to type any extravagant number of words in a minute, and, inleed, accuracy, rather than rapidity has always been my aim, but I was able to transcribe my manuscript at a pace that satisfied my needs. I made a point typing everything, even signing my let-ters in the typed character. My usual signature is particularly illegible; to alter it would possibly occasion trouble at my bank; to leave it as it is means that editors neglect contributions from my pen which they would be glad to use if they only had the usual assurance as their bona-fides.

For some weeks I found nothing abormal or worthy of remark about the in his speeches Flynn is not personachine. It did at first seem to have a and does not abuse anybody. machine. It did at first seem to have a tendency to print one line on the top of another, but there the fault was probably in the operator. Its manifestations of a preternatural order only commenced hortly after the return of my boy Charles from his tutors. Charles is at present being prepared for the army by Rey. William Doddersley, who receives a limited number of pupils. Curiously enough, he has not inherited even in a small degree his father's love of learn-He has, moreover, a tendency to turn everything into idle jest-a tendency which I deplore and find absolutely un-accountable. Neither his mother nor I

suffer in the least in this way.
One day I was at my typewriter and began to transcribe an article on "The Early Civilization of the Chinese," which ticle began as follows: Before entering upon a full consider-ation of the subject indicated in the title

of this article, one prefatory remark must be made. It is this:" I had typed so far when I happened to notice through the window that the fowls had got out, and left my work to speak to the gardener about it. While in the garden I thought I heard the type-writer clicking, but dismissed the idea as absurd. However, I found on

Hearing so much about the capabiliundersigned would be glad to meet him any night with three weeks' notice, if

any gent will give a purse."

I was unable myself to find any sense this, but Charles (who for once in life seemed serious) said that it looked like a prize-fighter's challenge. But how did it get there? Is it possible that the machine was operated in some mys-terious manner by the personality of its original owner? Heing the editor of a humorous paper, he might, if in tele-pathic sympathy with the machine, find

I had written a long letter to Rev. William Doddersley with regard to Charles, regretting the boy's levity and inclination to idleness of which Mr. Doddersley had complained, and thanking the reverend gentleman in warm terms for all the care and trouble that he was taking with my son. I typed the letter in the morning, left the sheet on the ne, and went out for my usual On returning I took the sheet off the machine without further examining it, put it in an envelope and posted it myself. The letter was sent back to me by Mr. Doddersley with a note saying hat he had received it, but could no believe that it really came from me. He was right. It was a typewritten letter was certaily not the letter that I com-sed myself. It alluded to Mr. and Mrs. Deddersley in the most familiar and disrespectful terms. With reference to Charles it said: "My son's a dam fine chap, though not appreciated at home. The rectory beer is particularly poor, and should be changed for a bet-ter quality; in that case I think it would be advisuble to have recourse to it about no advisable to have recourse to it should it o'clock in the morning, thus making a pleasant change from your rotten quadratics." I was also made to say that I thought not emough time was given to golf, and that I was sorry the ir's in the neighborhood were not pret-

This was inexpressibly shocking to me. and I wrote to Mr. Doddersley at once to say so. But in this case again there seems to be an attempt at humor—in the worst possible tasts, but still an attempt.

And I cannot help remembering that the former owner of my typewriter was the gorgeous! Eighty men—count 'em—eighty men.

Are any similar instances on record? Nothing makes a thorough Kansan The point seems to me to be worth examination.

It Does Make a Difference. A Glasgow servant girl went home a few evenings ago with her head wrap-

pen up in a shaw.

Her young mistress asked her what aned her, and was told that she was suffering from a had attack of toethache. brought on by sitting in the park.
"But you ought not to sit on such a cold, chilly night as this," said the mis-"You should walk at a smart

girl looked at her a minute as though pitying her ignorance, and then him.

(From the Washington Star.) ow, said the man who gets pro-

I wish to make is that prosperity is strictly a relative term."

"That's what it is with me." answere! In Kansas is worrying the Democrata.

They think the Republicans must have

Outlines of Oklahoma

The factional fight in the Republican party in Custer county still bubbles. The Ashby murder case is on at the district court in Arapahoe, this week hat it was Eddy who passed the free

John Gates, of Strond, killed a rattle-snake the other day which had fourteen rattles and a button. Dr. G. M. Ellis of Independence was elected president of the Custer County Old Soldiers' Reunion association.

Next week Judge Museller of Perry will go out into the Cheyenne and Arapcountry to make speeches. seller is an orator.

Out in Blaine county, there is a chance that the Middle-of-the-road Populist ticket will poll more votes than the reg-ular Populist ticket. A man over near Strond who has been

for years writing a new Bible, has given it up, and has decided to go into the The Shawnee Quill, which is not given exaggeration, says that Dennis Flynn ill carry Pottawatomie county and will carry Pottawatomie county Miss Fannie Harris, the best educated voman among the Sacs and Fexes,

doesn't like to teach Indian colliden, and will ask to be given a white school. A poet at Shawner thus ripples.
"Don't talk about McKinley,
For he's a oracker-jack,
If he should leave the White House

We'd surely want him back. The Guthrie Leader Flynn because the sid walks at Guthrie are not in good condition, and the Waget a hatchet and fix 'em up at once.

A Pond Creek lawyer thinks that those who fall to make application fail to make application for final proof on their claims within seven years from the date of entry are liable to have

Neff's speech at Taloga was full of abuse. A few days later Flyth came along and made a speech and the contrast was so great that he made votes.

Traveling by railroad is a good deal cheaper than traveling by wagon. Traveling by railroad is a good deal cheaper than traveling by magon. Thomas Cooper and family started list March from Maine for Greer county and have just arrived at Stroud. They have lost three teams of horses, one team drowned, one struck by lightning, and a third stolen, and the trip has cost them

for attempted rape, a man aged 74, the Democrat says: "We believe that when he is brought before the judgment bar. that the devil will be on hand ready to throw all kinds of vitriolic acid in his face and then place him in a museum of bumblebees, retaining him in this attitude until he learns something about purity and chastity.

On the Choctaw route, in the territory the other day, a young couple bound for Weatherford, hourded the spasenger train hurriedly and asked the conengineer put on more steam, the brake-man took a fresh chew of tobacco, the passengers gathered around, and the young couple stood up while the minis-ter spoke out the fateful words. If the angry father was pursuing the couple on foot, he is entitled to one, large, pink Percheron horse laugh.

Hennessey Clipper: arguffer, and if he can't argufy law he will disagree with you on any other subject you may choose. If you don't se a chosen theme himself. In fact Jim. If no other subject presents itself, Jim choose the rag, and armed with a vocabulary second in size only to the amount of fine-cut which he can easily accommodate in the hole between ha nose and his chin; with a tongue who sharpness is only equalled by the tip pleasure in introducing incongruous matter into a learned and dignified article. Incongruity, I find on consulting the authorities, is a factor in the production of a humorous effect.

The production of a humorous effect. My next experience was far more se- When well under way he was interrupt ed by a stranger and a disagreement ensued. Jim's opponent seemed presty well posted, and at it they went, and every time Jim slipped his antagonist.

President. argument drew to a close, as do things, and as a settler Jim remarket, "You're all right, but your information is bad." "Well, perhaps so," replied the tranger, "but I've lived in the Trans-

Along the Kansas Nile.

W. H. Righter of Topeka, a physician will be prosecuted. He is charged with failing to report a case of smal pox.

In a joint debate between Tully Scotts and Reeder, both quoted from Jefferson | and proved by Jefferson that both right.

A fourteen-year-old colored boy at To-peka robbed the collection basket last Sunday at church, of \$5, and has been arrested. A Kansas boy writes from Pekin that

the town of Tien Tsin has 2,000,000 people, all crowded into an area as small as kansas City. Mo. There is one thing about the issues the Democrais have out this year—when the Democrats get off alone together they

Ensign Landis from Medicine Lodge is said to be one of the men on the gunboar Villabos, which is either lost or captured in the Philippines. The night Towne was in Abilene he was greeted with a torch light parade of sighty men. Astounding, magnificent

Nothing makes a thorough Kansan hotter than the buncembe talk about the dangers of militarism. Think of militar-

A significant part of the campaign in Kansas this year is that Rapull camp brag about the size of their audiences; the Democrate on the quality of the speeches delivered. Both Bryan and Roosevelt, when they

came to Kansas, were frequently inter-rupted by men in the audience. The dif-ference is that Bryan when he answers mm, thinks that he has aqueloned interrupter, and Roosevelt, when lights on an interrupter, does squelet

canna coort right walking; you joined the navy; he has been unruly and is shaired in a dingeon. If an American thinks that money is all powerful is this thinks that money is all powerful in this country, he can find out different by (From the Washington Star.)
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